

ABSTRACT

5 A test device and a kit for conducting an assay for the determination of an
analyte in a sample comprises (i) a housing (1, 2), and within said housing, (ii) a flow
matrix (6) allowing liquid to be transported by capillary action and having at least one
zone with immobilized capturing agent capable of directly or indirectly binding to the
analyte, (iii) a liquid container (13) for sample liquid, and (iv) at least one liquid
10 container for liquid other than sample liquid. The device further comprises (v)
separation means (5) between the flow matrix (6) and the liquid containers (13),
wherein said separation means (5) are mounted in a movable relationship with the liquid
containers to in a first position prevent liquid contact of the flow matrix (6) with the
liquid containers (13), and in a second position permit liquid receiving contact of the
flow matrix (6) with the liquid containers (13).

15 An assay method for determining an analyte in a sample wherein the sample and
assay liquids are flown through a flow matrix to reach the reaction zone in a
predetermined sequence uses the device for carrying out the method. The use of the
device comprises testing for a allergy, inflammation or autoimmune disease.

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